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1. TRADE JOURNAL, METALS WEEK (NEW YORK) INSIDER REPORT, OF JUNE 13, 1975 WRITES QTE FRANCE WILL SET UP A COMMITTEE TO SUPERVISE A NATIONAL METAL AND MINERAL STOCKPILE. THE INITIAL ONE HUNDRED MILLION FRANC FINANCING HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED, AND PURCHASES WILL SOON BEGIN, UNQTE.

2. STORY IN AMERICAL METAL MARKET (TRADE NEWSPAPER) OF JUNE 23, 1975, REPORTS QTE THE FRENCH GOVT HAS ESTABLISHED THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY TO SUPERVISE STOCKPILING OF METAL AND MINERAL RAW MATERIALS UNQTE. STORY MENTIONS A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A NATIONAL RAW MATERIALS STOCKPILE, WITH FRANCOIS DE WESSOCO, DIRECTOR FOR TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT AND MINES, AS CHAIRMAN, REPORTING TO MIN OF INDUSTRY MICHAEL DORWANO.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DETERMINE STATUS OF GOF STOCK-
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PILE PLAN: COMMODITIES INCLUDED, INTENDED QUANTITIES,

PURCHASING PROCEDURES, PROVISIONS FOR DISPOSALS, ETC.
EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTACT ROBERT DIETHRICH (SEE REPAIR)

FOR THIS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION. INGERSOLL

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